



SAN FRANCISCO  
MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY  
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

Thursday, December 5, 2019  
Room 7080, Union Square Conference Room  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor

REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS  
Daniel Weaver (Chair), Frank Zepeda (Vice Chair), Neil Ballard, Mark Ballew,  
Jarie Bolander, Queena Chen, Steve Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man,  
Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Dorris Vincent

COUNCIL LIAISON  
Roberta Boomer

COUNCIL SECRETARY  
Keka Robinson-Luqman

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Weaver called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call

CAC members present at Roll Call: Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

CAC members absent at roll call: Dorris Vincent

CAC members absent with notification: Mark Ballew, Queena Chen, and Frank Zepeda

### 3. Announcement of prohibition of sound producing devices during the meeting.

CAC Secretary Robinson-Luqman made the announcement.

### 4. Approval of Minutes:

No public comment.

On motion to approve the minutes of November 7, 2019:

ADOPTED: AYES – Neil Ballard, Jarie Bolander, Stephen Cornell, Joan Downey, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Queena Chen, Dorris Vincent, and Frank Zepeda

### 5. Report of the Chair (For discussion only)

No report.

### 6. Public Comment:

Edward Mason gave an update on the commuter shuttle bus program in Noe Valley. There are still buses operating without stickers and buses operating with out of state license plates. He invited the Council to the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to the roll out of their new bus and trolley system. VTA has modified their LRVs so the information on each coach reads the date and time, stop request, and the next stop that is coming up. It's a good enhancement.

Donna Parker stated that she is interested in the 38 Geary Improvement Corridor because they renamed the 38 Geary Rapid and divided it into two parts. They're doing away with a bus stop on 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue where she lives. There will no longer be local stops from Arguello to 30<sup>th</sup>. It's inconvenient.

Brian Bills stated that Oakland is doing a 9.5mile Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project on International Blvd. that will include 7.5 miles of dedicated transit lanes and 34 stops that will

cost \$230 million. The SFMTA is doing 1.5 miles of BRT on Geary for a total cost of \$230 million. The SFMTA is doing the same work at five times the cost of Oakland. Van Ness is almost as bad with 2 miles of bus lanes for \$190 million. He stated that he would like to see the next subway be built under Geary but the SFMTA is sinking all of their money into glorified bus lanes.

#### REGULAR CALENDAR

7. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding Curb Management Strategy. (Francesca Napolitan, Manager, Curb Access. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Alex Jonlin, Transportation Planner and Francesca Napolitan, Manager, Curb Access, presented the item. Curb management strategy is a policy document governing curb allocation. It's a holistic, proactive approach to curb allocation that supports other city goals.

Council member Dorris Vincent arrived at 5:58 p.m.

Council member Stephen Cornell left at 6:45 p.m.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason asked if there must be a special project initiated to regulate casino buses. Uber drivers can use their vehicles with Get Around. He has reservations about City Carshare meeting the goals of reducing vehicle miles traveled.

Brian Bills stated that many of members of the public are thankful that the SFMTA is prioritizing other modes of transportation over driving.

Donna Parker stated that Uber and Lyft are just like driving a single car.

#### CAC MOTION 191205.01

To reduce emissions linked to the global climate emergency, and to reduce congestion that impedes the operations of Muni, the greenest transportation system in the nation, the SFMTA CAC urges the MTA Board of Directors to implore the State Legislative Committee to pursue state legislation that permits San Francisco to restrict the number of TNCs operating in San Francisco and to regulate drivers and vehicles in the same manner in which taxi cabs are currently regulated in conjunction with congestion pricing.

On motion to approve:

FAILED ADOPTION: AYES – Neil Ballard, Joan Downey, Susan Vaughan, and Daniel Weaver

NAYES – Jarie Bolander, Aaron Leifer, Christopher Man, Daniel Murphy, and Dorris Vincent

ABSENT – Mark Ballew, Queena Chen, Stephen Cornell, and Frank

## Zepeda

8. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Next Generation Customer Information System. (Jason Lee, Project Manager, Customer Information System. Explanatory documents include a slide presentation.)

Jason Lee, Project Manager, Customer Information System, provided an update on the Next Generation Customer Information System including the project goals, background, and system features.

Council member Christopher Man left at 7:48 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENT:

Edward Mason inquired if web security would be an issue. He stated that digital signs should have the date and time on a continuous loop. They should also show the operators ID number. He asked if the SFMTA will own the software or will the vendor own it. Currently with NextBus, the screens time out about every half hour. He inquired if the new system will do the same thing.

9. Presentation, discussion, and possible action regarding the Engineering, Maintenance, and Safety Committee (EMSC) report and recommendations.

No report.

10. Council Member Information and Agenda Item Requests. (For discussion only)

Daniel Weaver requested a presentation on the 38 Geary BRT.

Sue Vaughan asked what percentage of the costs for Van Ness BRT and Geary BRT are related to underground work.

Sue Vaughan requested a copy of the clarifications to the transportation code regarding the curb management strategy.

Sue Vaughan asked if a person is cited for being parked in a white zone designated as a stand, what is the California vehicle code violation.

Sue Vaughan requested a presentation on TNCs and their impact on Muni and traffic congestion.

Joan Downey asked how the SFMTA keeps track of bunches and gaps. She asked if there is a process in place to measure bunches and gaps, is it saved somewhere, and is there a historical database of arrival and departure times kept.

ADJOURN- The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Submitted by:



Keka Robinson-Luqman  
SFMTA CAC – Secretary

Next regular meeting: Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
1 South Van Ness Avenue, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Union Square Conference Room, #7080